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To the Members and Friends of N.C.N.A.

Northern California Numismatic Association sponsors a coin show as well as several other activities during the year. All of these are carried on by volunteer labor, by people who give freely of their time and talent on behalf of the hobby. As this year comes to a close, I, as your new president, would like to take some time to recognize individuals who have contributed to the organization during the past year, and to the hobby.

DAVID CIENIEWICZ, one of the newest members of the Board, was recently honored with the title Numismatic Ambassador.

LILLIAN HOOKER has been a fixture at the registration desk for the past 28 years. Her smiling face and hearty laughter has brought delight to all during this time. We are pleased to have her back in this same position for the next year.

DAVID LANGE, also one of the newest board members, received the Numismatic Literary Guild award for "Best Column" in the non-commercial publications category for his monthly "Back to Basics" column in the Numismatist. David will be working this year to restore exhibiting to its proper place at the convention.

RON MILLER, our vice-president and bourse chairman, had a particularly difficult task to perform this year, given the change in convention time frame and re-allocation of the bourse room. Ron handled all problems and complaints with tact and wisdom, and turned what could have been a bad situation into a good one. You have my thanks, and my admiration, for a job well done.

ROBERT MISH, the president for 1988 and 1989, managed to hold a difficult ship together over the two years, as well as adding a few novelties in the organization. (See NCNA H&T, FALL 1989.) I am already developing an appreciation for this.

CONSTANCE PERHAM, our outgoing second vice president, faithfully served us as co-chairman of advertising and spent the entire weekend of the convention assisting Lillian Hooker at the registration desk. Connie is past eighty years of age, but you would not know it by her actions. Connie will be our security chairman this year. Hang in there kid.

MOSES REIS has been and is currently our secretary. I had the privilege of working with him at the convention this year, and joined him in a number of tasks. He will be advising us of all the B.O.D. meetings, and I promise to provide him with all of the information that he needs to do so.

MICHAEL S. (STAN) TURRINI has done an outstanding job as editor of N.C.N.A. Heads and Tales for the past nine years and has served as an A.N.A. district delegate. In addition to these tasks, he has been elected our treasurer for this year. Michael was selected for an outstanding service award by N.C.N.A. and was presented with it at the 1989 convention. In addition, he was named a co-winner of the A.N.A. District Delegate of the Year award at the A.N.A. convention at Pittsburg.

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

Each of us reading this at birth and throughout our lives via environment and education or heritage and inheritance are given certain gifts, those unique qualities that make each of us different and important.

The measure of our success in life is how each of us use and apply these gifts, the gifts of time, thought, talents, and treasures. These gifts carry an obligation charged to all of us: to do good.

Time is that most precious of commodities. Easily wasted and never replenished. Time is what we all have equally to give, for it is time that is the building mortar of any endeavor, whether noble or mundane.

Thought is our creative energy. This spark of our mind and soul. It is our hopes. It is our sincerity. It is our commitment to think, to create, and to act.

Talents are our skills and capabilities. Talents go from the skill of a neuro-surgeon to the speed of a McDonald's server. Talents go across a large spectrum of skills and capabilities. Talents go forth from all of us. Each of us are blessed with special knowledge or experiences, justly shared and given to others.

Treasures are simply our wealth. Whether by work, inheritance, or luck, some of us are blessed with the means to give of our gains, our excess, plus ourselves. Charity remains always a desired virtue.

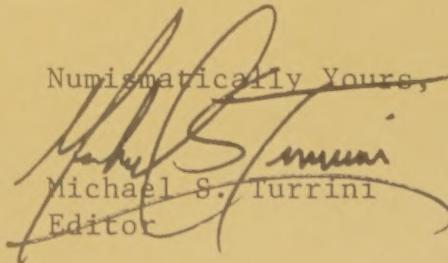
However you may describe these four gifts, do not forget each of us via our circumstances and ability are blessed with varying measures of each. It is our duty, an obligation placed upon us all, to make use of these four gifts and to do so in a positive and productive effort to better not only ourselves but others.

A measure of our success in the end will be how we used our time, thought, talents, and treasures. Those of us who we respect and admire are bearers of positive and productive use of these four gifts. Those among us who lead us all are dedicated givers of their gifts. Those whose memories we cherish were in their lives and times generous givers of these gifts. Judgement of our peers now and in time will be how each of us made use of these four gifts.

Each of us must strive in our own way to do what has been given to us, so freely and bountifully in some cases, to assist and to work for our hobby, our community, and our fellow man.

Remember, gifts are intended to be given, and what is given is always rewarded.

Best Wishes Always.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

January Board of Directors Meeting

Will be Monday, January 22, 1990, at Cattlemen's, 3500 Newark Blvd., Newark, starting at 7:00pm. Those who would like to eat dinner before the Board Meeting are welcomed to arrive early, 6:00pm or so, for dinner. All Coin Clubs are urged to send a voting Club Delegate to this Meeting. For additional information or directions to reach this site, contact either NCNA Secretary Moses Reis at '707-437-5580' or NCNA First Vice-President Ron Miller at '415-792-1511'.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Is tentatively planned to be held at the 18th Annual Vallejo Coin Show, Sunday, April 29, 1990, at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne at North Camino Alto, Vallejo. This date and site, however, have not been confirmed.

1989 Election

A record number of ballots, some seventy-plus, were cast, and for the first-time in years, two positions were contested. The ballots were verified and counted at the October 23rd Board of Directors Meeting; the results are:

Edward Sins, President
Ron Miller, First Vice-President
Fred G. van den Haak, Second Vice-President
Moses M. Reis, Jr., Secretary
Michael S. Turrini, Treasurer

These Officers-Elect were installed by Ken Barr representing the American Numismatic Association at the November 27th Board Meeting.

1990 Coin Show and Exposition

Will have a substantially larger Bourse, encourage Exhibits, may have several educational activities, will be titled with a new name, and so forth; however, most details are still pending. The dates are: August 10, 11, and 12, 1990 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. Bourse Coordinator will again be Ron Miller, and he may be contacted at '415-792-1511'.

1990 Dues

Are soon due--\$5.00 for Individuals and \$10.00 for Coin Clubs--and you may remit your dues to the new Treasurer at 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, CA, 94590'. Prompt payment is requested.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Livermore Valley Coin Club
Greater Houston Coin Club
Alameda Coin Club
Reno Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Napa Valley Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Peninsula Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Solano Silver Round Club
Gateway Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Cupertino Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Diablo Numismatic Society
San Francisco Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society

Livermore Valley Coin Club Reports that five "hardy souls" made it to its October 17th Meeting: ED KANSA, TOM PRAST, DALE SCHAUER, ROO HORNADY, and HOWARD KOSANKE. Dedication!!!

Greater Houston Coin Club Has been unable to publish its Double Shift in recent months, but it should be out in January 1990. The Club held a Thanksgiving Dinner at its regular November 16th Meeting with the main courses provided by the GHCC.

Alameda Coin Club Heard San Francisco Coin Club President HANS HANSSON speak on 'Our Dollar Bill' at its September 12th Meeting and also heard ACC Past President BILL KOONCE speak on 'Ethics In Coin Sales Advertising' at its October 10th Meeting. Dr. TED MIHOK, a podiatrist, presented a slide illustrated talk on 'Common Foot Problems' at its November 14th Meeting. At the October 10th Meeting, WILLARD SPIERSCH, Charter Member and long-time ACC Treasurer and ready booster, was presented a plaque in recognition of his ten years of service: "WILLARD, you deserve a lot of recognition and congratulations for all the many jobs you performed so magnificently".

Reno Coin Club Has sent one Issue of its Reno Coin Club Newsletter. The date for its next year's Reno Coin Show will be April 22, 1990 at the Peppermill in Reno, Nevada. Two RCC members were reported to have been honored by the ANA: "Congratulations go to club members DOUG McDONALD and LOU COLES. DOUG won the George F. Heath Literary Award for Excellence for his article in the June 1988

Issue of The Numismatist. DOUG and LOU both deserve plaudits for fostering our own Reno Coin Club Newsletter to First Place in the ANA Newsletter Competition. Way To Go, Guys!".

Redwood Empire Coin Club Celebrated its Forthieth (40th) Anniversary, 1949-1989, at a Banquet last September 27th which heard RON MILLER speaking on Tokens and JACK FREE on the History of the RECC. HORACE MOORE showed his recent purchase, 1793 Chain Cent, at the RECC's October 25th Meeting.

Napa Valley Coin Club September 20th Meeting was the NVCC's Second Annual Old Timers Nite, featuring only coins one hundred years or older. STAN TURRINI showed his slides taken at last June's Congressional Bicentennial Coinage First Strike Ceremony at the November 15th Meeting. The December 20th Meeting was the Fifth Annual Gold Night and Holiday Dessert Potluck. The NVCC reports that its 26th Annual Coin Show will be next April 1, 1990 in the Zinfandel Hall on the Napa Town and Country Fairgrounds; this change in both date and the usual building was caused by a conflict in scheduling a major activity at the Fairgrounds. Interested Bourse Dealers may write to: "NVCC, PO Box 2154, Napa, CA, 94558".

Fresno Numismatic Society Heard Past President DALE HEWLITT present a slide program, 'Coins of Christain Imperial Rome', at its September 12th Meeting. The November 14th Meeting was FNS' Annual Show 'n Tell which allowed members to display their purchases or finds at the recent Coin-A-Rama. At this same Meeting, the FNS 1990 Officers were elected: BILL FEBRUARY, President, PHIL PLETNER Vice-President, RUTH PHILLIPS, Secretary, and DICK BIER, Treasurer. FNS regrets that active booster and worker PHIL NORDIN, due to a military transfer, has to relocate elsewhere: "To the members who attend meetings on a regular basis, PHIL has imparted a lot of knowledge and wisdom and has always exhibited a willingness and readiness when ever a question or problem developed. He has been a standout when ever the club needed anything. All of this equates to being a LEADER. Not someone who stands up front to be seen, but a person who leads by action".

Peninsula Coin Club Recent PCC Meeting Themes have been: December 11th, Paper Money, November 13th, Ancient Coins, and October 9th, Commemorative Coins. The PCC meets in the Community Room of California Federal Savings, 2180 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, on the Second Monday evening of each month. The PCC's mailing address is: 'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA, 94306-0484'.

Delta Coin Club Your Editor noted in the December Newsletter Issue that SYD KASS, LM-054, did not attend the November 10th Meeting and lost-out in the Membership Drawing! That is very strange and unusual for him to miss a DCC Meeting. It was reported that RAY HAHN, always friendly and supportive to Your Editor, has recently relocated to Garden Grove. Since Santa Claus does not depart the North Pole early, the DCC cancelled its December 22nd Meeting. January 12, 1990 is the date for the DCC's Annual Dinner.

Solano Silver Round Club Elected its 1990 Officers: STAN TURRINI, President, HAROLD SALAS, Vice-President, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, Treasurer, and JAN HENKE, Secretary. The SSRC will again meet this year at the 1990 Vallejo Coin Show in the Green Room of Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park in Vallejo, on April 29, 1990. This annual Open Meeting, starting at 1:30pm, will feature Door Prizes, drawing, Show 'n Tell, and a special guest speaker yet to be confirmed. STAN TURRINI's design of the marching German Army passing the Arc de Triomphe in Paris June 1940 was selected as the design for the 1990 Medal, Second Issue, of the SSRC's Second World War Fiftieth Anniversary Silver Round Series. At the annual Holiday Dinner on December 9th, MOSES REIS, stepping down as Secretary and Editor of the SSRC's Silver Notes, was presented a fine engraved plaque for his three years of service, 1987-1989, and his wife, SUSAN REIS was given a collector's plate for her repeated monthly chore of typing the Silver Notes.

Gateway Coin Club Reports that at its October 19th Meeting "the design competition for next year's club medallion was held, and there was a record number of entries, at least sixteen in all . . . it took three ballots, and Club President JOEL ANDERSON's design was the winner; his theme revolves around the Centennial in 1990 of Yosemite Park as a National Park". December 14th was the date of the GCC annual Holiday Banquet held at Merced's Ryan's Place.

Fremont Coin Club Elected its 1990 Officers: KEVIN SCHILLING, President, DOUG DANIELS, First Vice-President, FRANK WIECZOREK, Second Vice-President, RICHARD KELLY, Recording Secretary, CHUCK WHITE, Treasurer, ROGER LYLES, Corresponding Secretary, and ROBBIE LAWLESS, Junior Vice-President. The October 2nd Meeting was the FCC's Carson City Night and STAN BARNES, DOUG DANIELS, and GARY ACQUISTIPACE shared CC coins and stories; GARY ACQUISTIPACE "told of how the First Interstate Bank of Nevada has a complete set of CC coinage in its vault". Now, that is something to have!

Liberty Numismatic Society Elected its 1990 Officers: DON BURNS, President, BOB SCHOEPPNER, Vice-President, REGAN SHEA, Treasurer, and MARIAN SINTON, Secretary. October 3rd Meeting was the LNS' Annual Book Auction conducted by STEVE HUSTON. Recent COTM--Coin Of The Month--of the LNS have been: October 3rd Mercury Dimes, November 7th, Silver Quarters, and December 5th, War-Time Silver Five Cents/Nickels.

Cupertino Coin Club Recently bestowed Life Memberships on NICK KOCISKO, JOHN SCHMIDT, GEORGE ANDREY, and DOUG ANDREY; the latter two being Father and Son. October 6th Meeting was CCC's Annual Youth Night at which Youth Vice-President NATHAN MILLER presided and presented an educating program on his recent three week trip to Egypt and Isarel: "He showed us many examples of the coins he acquired on his trip. There was even one showing the Mosque of Mohammed Ali (the prophet, not the boxer)". CCC Youth Members also speaking were: KELLY CAROLAN, 'Minature United States Coins',

ED SZETELLA, 'Coins Found In My Family's Safe or How I Got Started In Coin Collecting', and NATHAN MILLER, '1910-S One Cent Flea Market Find and 1969-S Double Die One Cent'. RON MILLER spoke on California Tokens, his speciality, at the November 3rd Meeting, and December 1st Meeting was the Annual Holiday Party.

San Jose Coin Club Heard DAVID CIENIEWICZ speak at its October 11th Meeting on his attendance and participation at the annual American Numismatic Association (ANA) Summer Seminar held in Colorado Springs last June 1989. His talk was supplemented with slides of the Seminar's various activities. ED SINS talked on 'Sunken Treasure' at the November 8th Meeting: "ED told of the significance of the Spanish treasure galleons to collectors today, described some the methods by which early salvage crews attempted to recover treasures, told several sea stories (all true), and displayed two coins which were considered quite rare until some choice specimens were recovered from Davy Jones' locker".

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Earned \$167.85 at its Annual White Elephant Sale last September 27th. What surprised Your Editor was not the amount taken-in, which was good for the PCNS treasury, but how PCNS Bulletin Editor Dr. PAUL HOLTZMAN explained how to locate items for this annual PCNS event: "My son and I used to play a game in December which we called 'Bogardus'. The name is famous in sociological circles for his earliest studies of racial prejudice. That's not why we named the game after him. But he had a remarkable filing system in which everything that had not been used or referred to for a year was automatically discarded. We applied his system to my son's toys before each Christmas. Everything that he had not played with during the past year went out--usually for recycling. Why am I telling you this? Because each of us should--in the next week--play Bogardus. We should find those items--numismatic and otherwise--that we have not used or looked at for a year and bring them to this month's Great White Elephant Sale". Now, that is a way to clean-out anyone's closet! MATTHEW ROCKMAN spoke on Military Payment Certificates at the PCNS November 29th Meeting, and PCNS ended 1989, its seventy-fourth year, with its traditional Holiday Party on December 27th. Next year will be the PCNS's Diamond Jubilee, 1915-1990, its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary! What a record of longevity!

Diablo Numismatic Society Held its First Annual (?) Gold Night last October 19th and heard RON MILLER speak. This Meeting was heavily attended and enjoyed with Your Editor winning the top First Prize in the All Gold Drawing, and Your Editor was not even present! GEORGE EPPERSON of San Rafael presented a most provocative talk on Sir Francis Drake's landing in Marin in 1579, and with very strong factual evidence, argued that Drake did not land at the traditional site in Drake's Bay but at Agate Beach, south from Drake's Bay. His talk was supported with slides, photos, and actual artifacts. December 21st was the DNS' Annual Christmas Party with all the trimmings.

San Francisco Coin Club Writes regardless of the 1989 Earthquake and lacking its newsletter, Two Cents Worth, that it still meets and remains active. Officers and plans are presently being arranged for 1990. Information on the SFCC may be obtained by contacting SFCC President HANS HANSSON at "2334 35th Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 94116".

Fairfield Coin Club Held a Bingo Night at its September 27th Meeting.

The November 22nd Meeting heard both President JOE SIROIS and Vice-President STAN TURRINI speak on their experiences while in Washington, DC attending the Congressional Bicentennial Coinage First Striking Ceremony last June 1989. September 23, 1990 is the date for the FCC's First Annual Coin Show to be held at Solano College in Cordellia; details pending. The FCC's highest honor, the Rich Neily Memorial Award, was presented to RON KELICHER, former President and long-time booster, who is known as the 'collectors' collector'. His award was presented at the December 16th Third Annual Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society; HELEN CARMODY, Western Regional Coordinator of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), made the presentation.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Elected its 1990 Officers at its December 6th Meeting: DAN ROBERTSON, President, HAROLD SALAS, Vice-President, MOSES REIS, Secretary, and STAN TURRINI, Treasurer. Both MAURICE ROSE and MAURICE ORTIZ presented an educating talk on Sladded Coins at the VNS' November 1st Meeting. The next big event for the VNS will be at its March 7, 1990 Meeting, Paper Money Night, with the entire Meeting dedicated to paper money and currency. DON THRALL will speak; choice paper money will be the prizes in the drawings; Show 'n Tell displays will accent paper money, and a souvenir card might be issued. The 18th Annual Vallejo Coin Show will be this April 29, 1990, last Sunday in April, at the traditional site, Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne at North Camino Alto, Vallejo; the one-day Vallejo Coin Show will be a multi-event with a full Bourse, Exhibits, Information and Youth Table, free woods, free coin hobby literature, refreshments, and more. Bourse Coordinator is: 'STAN TURRINI, c/o VNS, PO Box 4281, Vallejo, CA, 94590".

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Three Major Coin Shows in January

San Jose Coin Club

Will hold its 22nd Annual Coin Show on January 19, 20, and 21, 1990 in the new San Jose Covention Center, corner of San Carlos and Almaden, San Jose. Hours are: 10:00am to 7:00pm Friday and Saturday and 10:00am to 5:00pm Sunday. A full two hundred table Bourse, exhibits, educational events, drawings, and much more are scheduled. Information may be obtained by writing to: 'SJCC, PO Box 5621, San Jose, CA, 95150'.

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President's Message, Winter 1989-90, continued

I would like also to thank directors Ken Barr, Donald Barsi, Brian Kestner, and Fred van den Haak. Ken Barr sat on our convention site committee, and Brian Kestner on our election committee. Fred van den Haak is our new 2nd vice president, and will head our membership recruiting committee.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank past president Denis Hooker (retired) for his counsel and wisdom, which I have personally found to be most valuable.

Exhibits will be returning to the convention in 1990. I am particularly looking forward to some very bright and promising things. But I shall wait until they are confirmed. Besides, if I said too much now, what would I write about this spring?

Instead, I prefer to wish all of you, on my behalf and on behalf of Northern California Numismatic Association, best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

Edward Sins, President

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CSNA/COIN/NASC/SIN

Will jointly hold their first-ever Golden State Coin Show on January 26, 27, and 28, 1990 in the Pasadena Center, 300 East Green, Pasadena. Hours are: Noon to 7:00pm Friday, 10:00am to 6:00pm Saturday, and 10:00am to 4:00pm Sunday. This joint venture will include a large Bourse, exhibits, collector meetings, two auctions, and much more. Information may be obtained from: 'Tom Fitzgerald, General Chairman, PO Box 4144, Covina, CA, 91723; 818-331-3298'.

This joint venture is sponsored together by these four organizations: California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), Convention of International Numismatics (COIN), Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC), and Society of International Numismatics (SIN).

Greater Houston Coin Club

Will hold its 33rd Annual Money Show on January 26, 27, and 28, 1990 in the Adam's Mark Hotel, 2900 Brairpark Drive at Westheimer, Houston, Texas. Hours are: 10:00am to 8:00pm Friday, 10:00am to 6:00pm. Saturday, and 10:00am to 3:00pm Sunday. A one hundred-twenty table Bourse, auction, exhibits and more are planned. Information may be obtained from: 'PO Box 1022, Crosby, Texas, 77532' or '713-852-5220'.